

The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Charles E. Whisler at 7:30 PM. Councilmen Arends, Andolshek, Benson and Delmonico were present. There were about 28 members of the community present.

As this was Mayor Whisler's last official meeting, he thanked the members of the city council and the city clerk for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past two years and urged them to give their support to the newly elected officials.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek to accept the minutes of the November 10, 1980 meeting as submitted. All members voting, "AYE" the motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's city financial report for November as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends to accept the November financial report of the Telephone Company as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

The mayor administered the oath of office to Mayor-Elect Carol Coulter and Councilmen-Elect Lyle Arends and Kurt Anderson. This will be effective at 12:01 AM, January 1, 1981.

The clerk reported that she had discussed the \$10.00 a month charge for three months with Lowell Perkins for the plug-in heater electricity for his tenant Officer Wayne Schwartz and Mr. Perkins had agreed that this amount would be satisfactory. As there was no objection on the part of the council, the mayor instructed the clerk to pay this amount to Mr. Perkins.

The clerk also reported that she had talked to Duane Blanck and he was waiting for an opinion from the County Attorney's office in regard to permitting snowmobiling on the bicycle path.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the 1981 budget of the Telephone Company be accepted as submitted and as recommended by the Telephone Commission. All members voting, "AYE", motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Benson that the Telephone Commission's recommendation to write-off for 1980 the amount of \$685.29 for uncollectibles. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. Further effort will still be made to collect these accounts but this is an audit requirement.

Delmonico stated that the Telephone Commission had recommended a 7% increase in salary for Gary Fread, Manager of the Telephone Company. Delmonico stated that because of the range of this salary he felt a 4% increase would be better. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the Manager's salary be raised by 4%. Andolshek stated that she felt that Gary Fread is doing a superb job and is entitled to the increase as recommended by the Telephone Commission. The motion for the 4% increase carried with Whisler, Arends and Delmonico voting, "AYE", and Andolshek and Benson voting, "NAY".

Delmonico stated that the Telephone Commission recommended that the mayor be authorized to sign the annual engagement letter with the Telephone Company's Auditors, Olsen, Thielen & Co., Ltd. and made a motion so moving and was seconded by Arends. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

A discussion was held on the recommendation of the Telephone Commission that Tom Richardson and August Mezzenga be appointed to serve on the Commission to fill the vacancies of Kurt Anderson and Howard Hagman. On a motion by Arends that this matter be tabled until the January meeting, the motion died for lack of a second. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the recommendation of the Telephone Commission be accepted as stated above. All members voting, "AYE" except Arends voting, "NAY", the motion carried.

Benson stated that the new truck is being shipped and that it will probably be mid-January before it is equipped and delivered to us. The matter of putting the old truck up for bids was discussed. Arends requested that the newer roads of the city be sanded due to the slickness of the asphalt.

The mayor read a letter from Police Chief Backdahl explaining why the Police Department decided to give the dog to the Emily Police Department which was agreeable with the donor of the dog. The dog was given to our department on a trial basis and Officer Schwartz was not comfortable with the stern means required in the training of this animal.

Andolshek and Fire Chief Fraser reported on the Fireman's Assn. meeting & Cuyuna Range dinner held at our Community Center and hosted by our Fire Department and their Auxiliary. There were 98 people present from surrounding communities. Chief Fraser reported that the Fire Department had made 25 calls in 1980. The estimated dollar loss was down from last year. The approximate amount of \$61,000. was the dollar loss for this year.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the council approve the recommendation of the Park Commission to have Dick Preusser to replace Bill Reed on the Commission. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

Delmonico announced that the city had received a check for \$1,850. as a donation to be used for city youth groups from Snow-Trails, Inc. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the money be established in a separate City Youth Fund to be used for future needs as recommended by the Park Commission. Mr. Bill Heisserer requested that the letter accompanied by the check be read and the mayor did so read. Mr. Heisserer explained that he requested the letter be read as he was under the impression that a good share of this money was to go to the Hockey Organization of which he is President. It was explained that the letter expressed that the money should be used for city youth groups and that this was the fair way to establish the use. The hockey program will receive their fair share as the need arises. The money will be disbursed through the City Treasurer as recommended by the Park Commission. The aforesaid motion was carried with all members voting, "AYE".

Delmonico requested that the motion re-storing \$2,788. to the park

budget on September 8, 1980 excluding the picnic area at the park be re-considered. He read from the wording of the grant which designated a picnic area and explained that we were committed to do this when we signed the grant. The city is committed to furnish \$7,750. in money or in-kind labor and doing this would take care of the city's agreement. Vicky Leonard stated that by picnic area they did not necessarily mean just picnic tables but could be trash receptacles, fire pits, benches, and a game area with sand pits for volley ball and other game areas. On a motion to re-consider the motion of September 8, 1980 deleting the picnic area by Delmonico and seconded by Arends. All members voting, "AYE", except Andolshek voting, "NAY", the motion carried. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that \$2,788. be restored to the park budget to include the picnic area. Benson stated that he is only in favor of this motion as it will fulfill our obligation to the grant but that he still does not feel this development is necessary, and the mayor agreed with him. Delmonico stated that he felt the park would use discretion in developing this area in regard to just making it a picnic ground. All members voting, "AYE", except Andolshek, voting, "NAY", the motion carried.

The matter of changing the lock on Planning and Zoning Office was discussed due to the loss of a permit and nothing was resolved.

Arends stated that Planning & Zoning Commission had tabled a request from the Land Office in regard to a land trade between Bob Allen and the county, Allen would trade land on Kego Lake for land in Crosslake. Kurt Anderson explained that this is because the county wants the land to develop a park and this was not explained in the letter from the Land Office.

Arends stated that Jack Felber appeared at the last Planning & Zoning meeting and his late payment penalty was reduced from \$150.00 to \$100.00.

The matter of plowing at the Game & Fish Building was discussed. Pat explained that he does not do this until all of his city obligations are taken care of first. Andolshek expressed the opinion that this may be taking business away from local people doing plowing. Benson, the Road Commissioner said he felt we should not be doing this. Ed Kolinski, a member of the Game & Fish Club said that it is a non-profit making organization and that the building is used by the community. The Boy Scouts use it without charge and the Craft Club also uses it. Gary Fread, Telephone Company manager, stated that he would like to see it plowed to enable the Telephone Company access to their building they use for storage. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the city continue to plow the area in front of the Game & Fish Club. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

The mayor mentioned that he had received an extensive questionnaire from Region V Development in regard to the city's needs. He suggested that it should be turned over to Carol Coulter, Mayor-Elect, to be distributed to her various commission appointments. Andolshek announced that she had just been appointed to serve on the Region V Development Commission.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Delmonico that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 PM. All members voting, "AYE", the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer